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Title: Need to upgrade the services of BSNL in Sunderban region of West Bengal.

SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL (JOYNAGAR): I would like to draw the attention of the government towards the role of BSNL in Rural Telecom Sector especially in Sunderban region of West Bengal.

Canning is the gateway of Sundarbans − consisting largest delta of the planet, Tiger Reserve, dense Forests, National Park − attracting hundreds of tourists. However, the existing communication facilities provided by BSNL are not satisfactory.

The mobile facility in Canning Sub- Divisional town, which is in my Parliamentary Constituency, has no doubt improved. However, still there are problems. My experience is that as a mobile holder moves for 2 KMs from Canning BSNL Mobile Tower the signals disappear. Therefore, the mobile tower at Canning town should be strengthened for the benefit of the BSNL mobile customers. Secondly, the telephone exchange at Jeevantala under Canning Police Station should also be strengthened for the land line users.

Though WLL option is available there in rural areas, the capacity of WLL BTS should be upgraded upto 1500 per BTS and the Exchange system technology itself should be upgraded. Currently most of the BTSs are overloaded but the mounting waiting list continues.

Therefore, I urge upon the Government to rectify persisting problems in telecom sector in Sundarban region of West Bengal.